

HOUSE RESOLUTION 212
By Buttry

A RESOLUTION to commend Christopher A. Nelson for
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Christopher A. Nelson, the son of Larry and Patricia Nelson, is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Steven Buttry and Representative Harry Brooks; Mr. Nelson's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and for the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a Texas native, Mr. Nelson moved with his family to California before they settled, most recently, in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, ever an extremely talented and well-rounded young man, Christopher Nelson served as Captain of his high school's cross country-team and as a valuable member of the swim team, the track team, and the Key Club; he also earned nominations to the United States Naval Academy and to the United States Air Force Academy during his high school career; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at the University of Tennessee, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Christopher Nelson has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science, minoring in Business, participating in the Honors Program, and partaking of numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, on track to graduate with honors in the fall of 2003, Mr. Nelson has competed as a member of the university's Mock Trial team and crew team and has served as Treasurer of Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for his anticipated career in environmental law, Christopher Nelson has published articles on the Tennessee State Lottery and Park Funding and has attended the Chicago Northwestern Law School seminar for prospective attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson has averaged 35 hours of gainful employment each week in addition to his taxing scholastic workload; he has sold insurance, refinanced mortgages on homes, waited tables, sold cars, and operated his own business, all while maintaining an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, this semester, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Nelson brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Christopher Nelson has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, earning the respect of General Assembly members, of the legislative staff, and of his fellow interns, who voted him "Best Wordsmith"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson has performed his many duties with an extraordinary insight and rare decorum that are worthy of the recognition of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Christopher A. Nelson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Steven

Buttry and Representative Harry Brooks and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.